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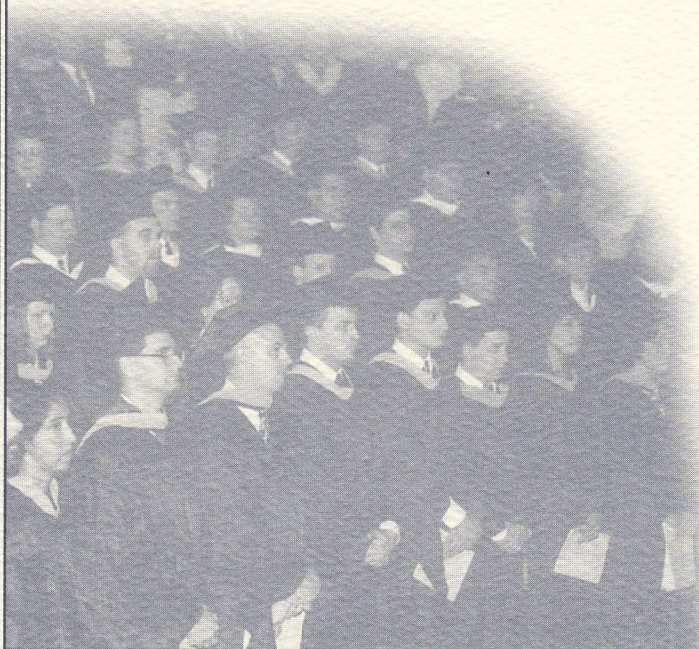
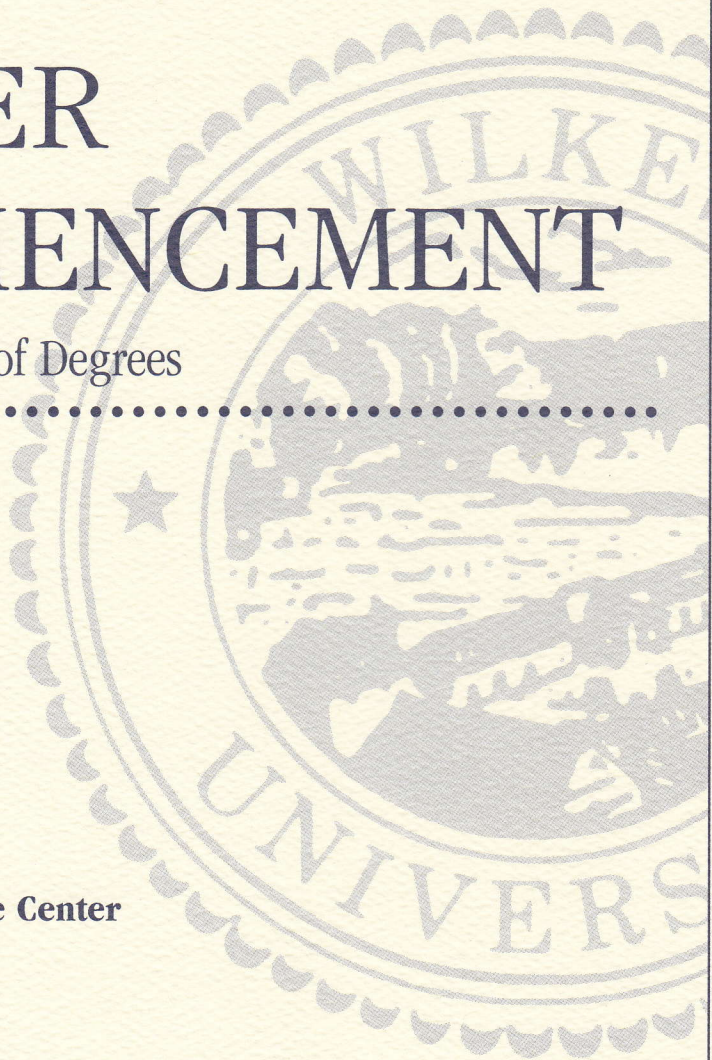
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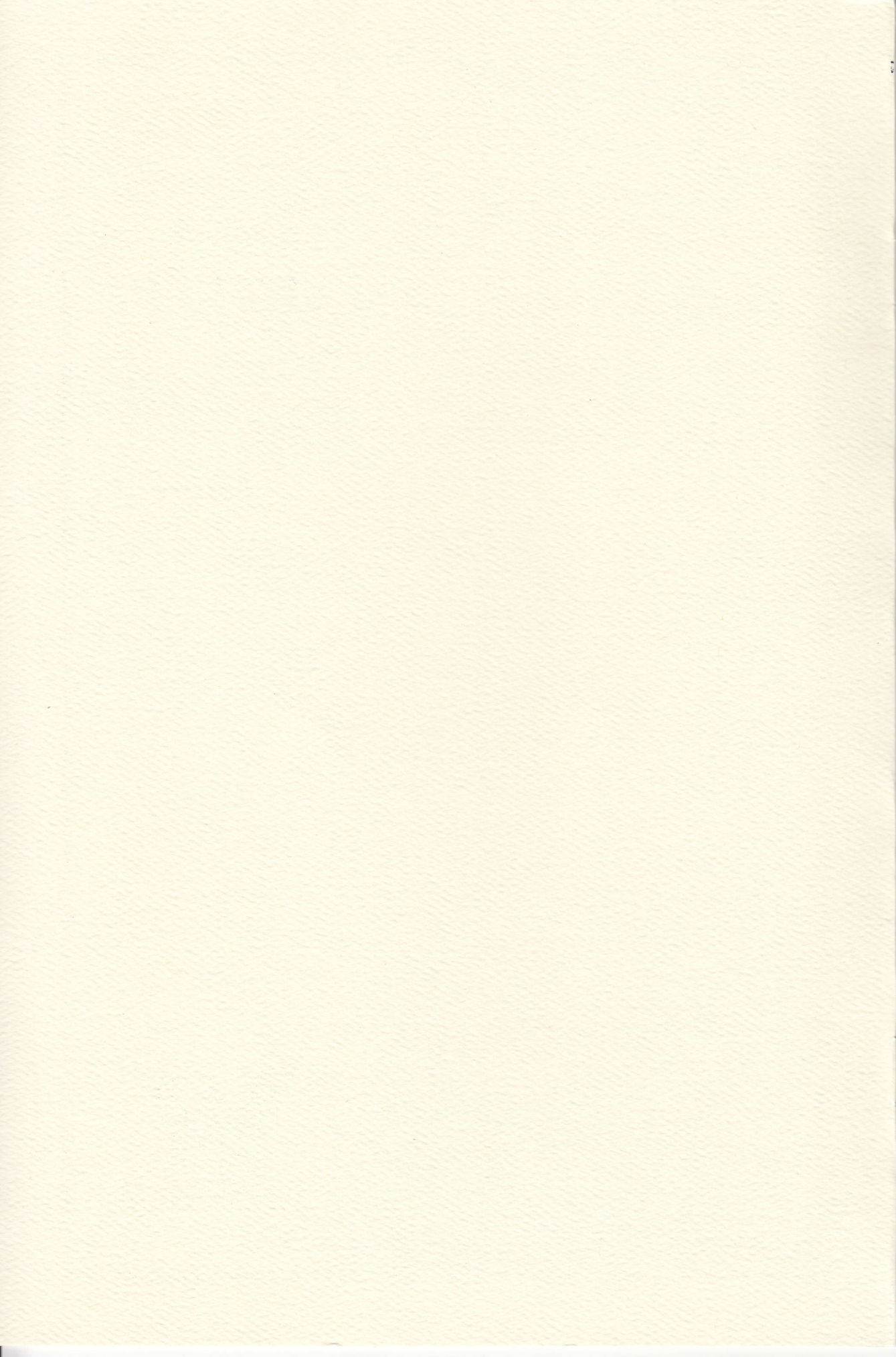
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*Winter Commencement
for the
Conferring of Degrees*

*Sunday Afternoon
January 21, 2001
at two o'clock*

Order of Exercises

*FANFARE

*PROCESSIONAL

Trumpet Voluntary *Jeremiah Clarke*

WELCOME *James P. Rodechko*
Vice President for Academic Affairs

*INVOCATION *Sister Mary Glennon, RSM*
Vice President for Academic Affairs
College Misericordia
Dallas, Pennsylvania

*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL *Words by Katherine Lee Bates*
Music by Samuel A. Ward

GREETINGS *Ronald D. Tremayne '58*
Member, Board of Trustees

Jane Elmes-Crahall
Chair, Faculty Affairs Council

Mizele Nkoba '01
Member, Class of 2001

**The audience is requested to rise.*

Order of Exercises

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE Robert J. Bruce
Presentation by Christopher N. Breiseth, President

ADDRESS Robert J. Bruce

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES Christopher N. Breiseth

*ALMA MATER *Eleanor C. Farley*

*BENEDICTION Rhoda Tillman
*President, Temple Bnai Brith
Kingston, Pennsylvania*

*RECESSIONAL
Trumpet Tune *Jeremiah Clarke*

*Music provided by the Wilkes University Brass Quartet —
William Teubner, Joseph DeVizia, Phil Ioanna, Ed Erwin*

**The audience is requested to rise.*

HONORARY DEGREE

ROBERT J. BRUCE DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Retiring as President after twenty years, Robert J. Bruce has transformed Widener University academically, physically and financially. He has brought a unity of spirit and focus to a new university, built upon the foundations of six earlier institutions going back to 1821, most recently the Pennsylvania Military College. Renamed Widener University in 1979, the institution includes three campuses in two states, Pennsylvania and Delaware. President Bruce has fostered the development of 150 programs of study leading to the associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree. Building the endowment from \$1.3 million in 1981 to nearly \$40 million today, he has also invested \$100,000,000 in new and improved physical facilities. Widener University is now classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Doctoral/Research University-Intensive institution.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, President Bruce earned an A.B. degree from Colby College in Maine in 1959, an M.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Boston in 1964, and an (Hon) L.H.D. from Widener in 1992. He received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in England in 1964-1965 and taught history at both the school and college levels for six years before becoming an educational administrator in development at Colby College in 1965. After six years at Bard College, including a stint as Interim President, he came to then Widener College in 1975 as Vice President for Development, becoming President two years after Widener became a university in 1981.

His service to Colleges and Universities both in Pennsylvania and the nation includes chairmanships of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, as well as service on the national President's Commission of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He has served as a director on corporate boards and presently is chairman of the Crozer-Keystone Health System in Chester, combining five hospitals with a \$600,000,000 annual budget.

President Bruce is a husband, father and grandfather as well as a sailor and will reside during his retirement in Pennsylvania and Maine.

DOCTOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATE

Doctor of Pharmacy

**† Maura Elizabeth Casey*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Business Administration Degree

**⁴† Nelson Mark Braslow*
**⁴ Karen B. Charles*
⁴ Kelley A. Davis
⁴† Michael D. Hayes
**⁴† Janet M. Hilliard*
⁴ Ronald Raymond Hines
**⁴† Robert Anthony Katulka*
**⁴† Robert John Krehely*
**⁴ Jennifer Leland*
⁴ Andrew Mark Lesh
⁴† Florence M. McNelis
⁴ Jennifer Gans Moisey
⁴ Kathleen Moran
⁴ Mizele Nkoba
**⁴ Shawn T. Prohaska*
⁴ Theresa L. Shisko
⁴ Michael Stanley Sierko
**⁴ James Thomas Smith*
**⁴ John Andrew Stangline*
⁴ Allyson Lukasavage Swartz
⁴ Gary J. Swartz
Raymond Stanley Walton

**Degree in absentia*

⁴Delta Mu Delta

† Received degree on August 25, 2000

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education

- *† Kathryn E. S. Adams*
- *† Sherri L. Alapick*
- *† Janet E. Aldinger*
- *† Gina Marie Aldrich*
- † Joette A. Anthony*
- Robert Earl Anthony, Jr.*
- Tracey L. Attinello*
- *† Angela Grace Avillion*
- *† Holly Renee Baer*
- *† Marianne Meehan Baker*
- *† Andrew Barilla IV*
- *† Sandra Ann Barnhart*
- * Edward George Bath, Jr.*
- *† Patricia D. Baxter*
- * Diana Wetherill Beausang*
- *† Christopher T. Becker*
- *† Melissa Renee Bellows*
- *† Angela Marie Bertalan*
- *† Bonnie Lee Bicksler*
- † Ronalyn A. Decker Bingaman*
- *† Nancy A. Bingham*
- *† Scott C. Blackwell*
- *† Janice Rainey Blair*
- Jane Evelyn Blau*
- John Bleck*
- *† Michael G. Bluhm*
- *† Kimberly M. Bolich*
- *† Andrea Gail Bond*
- *† Lori J. Bonn*
- * Timothy Francis Borgmann*
- *† Jan M. Bowman*
- *† Diane Dolores Brady*
- Kellie A. Brandes*
- *† Steve W. Brion*
- Jerome A. Brown, Jr.*
- * John Robert Brown, Jr.*
- *† Lorena Brown*
- * Nancy E. Brylewski*
- Sandra L. Burdick*
- *† Shawn Carroll Burke*
- Nancy Ann Burkett*
- *† Angela Nicole Bussard*
- *† Leanne Katrisha Campbell*
- *† Alicia M. Carlo*

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education (*continued*)

- *† Lauren A. Chalmers
- *† Tracy L. Childs
- *† Ann Campbell Christi
- *† Joan S. Colosimo-Brownell
- *† Daniel Anthony Comoroski
- Christine Elizabeth Conz
- *† Carolyn A. Cooper
- *† Michael James Corrigan
- * Amy A. Costa
- *† Maria Costa-Pettinato
- * Gary A. Cotroneo
- *† Korey L. Cox
- † John Paul Coyle
- * Richard Martin Cronin
- *† Karen Jean Crowe
- * Michael T. Culbert
- Rosalie A. Cullagh
- *† Brian X. Cunningham
- *† Jo Anne L. Damian
- Stephen Foster Davenport
- † Judith A. Davidson-Roth
- *† Hosiiah D. Davis
- *† Joyce Ann Minyard Dawley
- *† Michele L. DeLillo
- *† Lisa Ann DeMichele
- * James Anthony DePietro
- *† Maryann Deakin
- † Debra Ann Tornvall Demming
- Maureen Evelyn Denis
- *† Christopher L. Dennis
- *† Holly Carol Deppen
- * Timothy R. Diehl
- *† Matthew Mark Dietz
- Michael M. Dillon
- * Angela M. Donovan
- *† Lori A. Downey
- * Richard Langdon Druckenmiller
- Nancy J. Edelson
- * Gregory M. Ellsworth
- *† Jeffrey J. Ellsworth
- Verle E. Emanuelson
- *† Warren Dushane Erdman III
- *† Jennifer Leigh Esh
- *† Carmen Ana Espinosa
- † Crystal Etchberger

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education (*continued*)

- *† *Kristin Lynne Evancho*
- *† *Matthew Alan Evancho*
- *† *Thomas David Evans*
 - * *Jodi Ewer*
- *† *Mary Jean Farrell*
 - * *Vincent Fayock*
- *† *Christopher L. Feerrar*
- *† *Louise Elizabeth Feher*
 - † *Stephanie A. Fehr*
- *† *Cynthia M. DeLash Fetchko*
 - *† *Deborah M. Filson*
 - Donnamarie Finney*
 - * *Caroline Fitzpatrick*
- *† *Nancy Denise Forgash*
 - * *Steven D. Fox*
- *† *Ann M. Franco*
- *† *Diane S. Freeh*
- * *Sara Frisch Gallik*
- * *Kimberly Ann Garber*
- *† *Matilde E. Garcia*
- *† *Joseph F. Garin III*
 - † *Wendy S. Garrety*
- *† *Beth Ann Gehret*
- *† *Barbara Umphress Gelb*
 - *† *Jessica L. Georg*
- *† *Margaret Buzby Gerrish*
- *† *Kathleen Ann Gibbons*
 - *† *Andrea M. Gigliotti*
 - * *Shirley Giombetti*
 - *† *Richard L. Givens*
- *† *Stephanie Lynn Goodrich*
- *† *Joseph Matthew Gorham*
 - *† *Thomas John Gravish*
 - *† *Toni H. Griseto*
- *† *Mary Grochowski*
- *† *Michelle L. Groh*
- *† *Katherine S. Gross*
- * *Sharon Ann Haffey*
- *† *Jennifer Hallman*
- *† *Susan D. Haynes*
 - * *Karrie Dee Hefner*
- *† *Donna Ellen Heim*
- *† *Rebecca Ann Herb*
 - *† *Norma M. Hess*
- Amy Jo Hetherington*

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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- *† *Lisa Joy Hochreiter*
- *† *Linda D. Hoffner*
- Judith Lynn Hoke*
- *† *Kristal A. Hollenshead*
- *† *Sarajane Michele Holt*
- *† *Courtney A. Hopkins*
- *† *Nicole Hromiak*
- Corrine Hudzinski*
- *† *Lawanda Lynn Huenecke*
- *† *Gretchen Brett Hufnagle*
- *† *Dana Hurrell*
- Lisa Elaine Jastremski*
- * *Donna M. Jones*
- *† *Jessica K. Jones*
- *† *Sharon L. Jones-Trusky*
- Carla J. Karboski*
- * *John C. Keefe*
- *† *Denise M. Keiser*
- * *Michael Angelo Kello*
- *† *Lisa Kelly*
- Diane Luray Kerlin*
- *† *Christopher John Kersey*
- *† *Dana Lynn Kline*
- *† *Betty L. Kmetz*
- *† *Barbara Louise Daubert Knepp*
- Michael John Kolessar*
- *† *Amy M. Koring*
- *† *Edna Langan Kozak*
- Lucy A. Kozuch*
- *† *Diana Kudrich*
- *† *Nichole Louise Kulesky*
- *† *Suzanne Kulp*
- * *Denise L. Lane*
- *† *Eric Brian Lawson*
- *† *Jeffrey A. Lehr*
- *† *Carol Ann Lengel*
- * *Deborah M. Lewis*
- *† *Elizabeth R. Lieberman*
- *† *Tricia Marie Liuzzo*
- *† *Mark Douglas Long*
- * *Kelli Lopsonzski*
- Julia Marie Lupini*
- Fred G. Lutkus*
- *† *Mary Ellen MacMillan*

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Master of Science Degree with a major in Education (*continued*)

- *† Julie Ann Magda
- † Joelyn Mark
- *† Anthony T. Markovich
- *† Kathy Ann Marshall
- Tamara A. Matthews
- *† Gregory Mazurek
- *† Kathryn L. McCord
- *† Alan Thomas McElroy
- Bridget Ann McLaughlin
- *† Nancy Susan Merrick
- *† Donald Lee Miller, Jr.
- *† Cynthia Roberts Morgan
- * Denise W. Morgan
- † Krea Alexis Moskosky
- *† Daniel J. Moyer, Jr.
- *† Andrew Murdough
- Michael Thomas Murphy, Jr.
- *† Jessica Diane Musket
- *† Scott L. Myers
- *† Tierney Vincent Myers
- *† Maria Neri
- * Nicole Neu
- *† Marybeth A. Ney
- *† Laura Jeanne Nichols
- Jeffry S. Nietz
- *† Darlene M. Noel
- *† Kathleen Ruth Novatnak
- David Andrew Novrocki
- Antoinette D. Nyberg
- *† Kellie Anne O'Connor
- *† Tracie Lynn O'Connor
- *† Lori W. O'Donnell
- Jill Marie Oliver
- *† Amy Marie Orasin
- *† Thomas Martin Orff
- * Amy L. Osmond
- *† Denise Davidene Oswald
- *† Melissa Ludwig Parker
- William Anthony Parks
- *† Ross Jon Partington
- * Michael David Pawlik
- Pamela Peregrin
- *† Amy Lee Pettit
- *† Scott John Piergrossi

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education (*continued*)

- *† *Jill Catherine Avery Pike*
- Janice R. Pila*
- * *James Pivirotto*
- *† *Kathleen M. Kennedy Price*
- *† *Karen R. Rader*
- *† *Paul D. Rearden Jr.*
- *† *Gary L. Rife Jr.*
- *† *Lisa M. Roach*
- *† *Suzanne M. Rockovits*
- * *Jane I. Ronyack*
- *† *Jennifer Ann Roth*
- Eftehia Roufakis-Dendrinis*
- *† *Susan Bridget Ryan*
- * *Jeffrey Salawage*
- *† *Susan Fowler Scheeler*
- *† *Kimberly Jean Hahn Schellhase*
- *† *Rachel Beth Schmeckenbecher*
- *† *Joan L. Schneider*
- * *John Joseph Schreiner*
- *† *Maureen Anne Scolere*
- Jeanne Carol Seabridge*
- *† *Marilyn E. Seiders*
- *† *Michele L. Shemory*
- *† *Linda C. Shingle*
- * *Christina A. Short*
- * *Denise Marie Simmers*
- * *William A. Skipper*
- Marcia Hornung Slaton*
- *† *Cory A. Smull*
- *† *Jo Elizabeth Snook*
- Cheryl Lynn Scavo Spager*
- *† *Melissa Serre Stalalonis*
- *† *Nathan William Stannard*
- Tami A. Stascavage-Broda*
- Nicholas George Stelmak*
- *† *Jane Lawler Stevens*
- * *Scott W. Stevens*
- *† *Stanley K. Strong*
- *† *Daniel Sukanick*
- *† *Maria Lynne Szczecina*
- † *Heidi A. Tavani*
- *† *Karen Ann Taylor*
- * *Melissa M. Tewksbury*
- *† *Margaret Susan Thomas*
- *† *Michelle V. Thomas*

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Education (*continued*)

- *† *Gretchen M. Troxell*
- Reneé A. Tough*
- Nicholas J. Trubilla*
- *† *Salvatore Joseph Valerio*
- *† *Marcia A. Vega*
- * *Linda Gibbins Verwey*
- *† *Mary Theresa Villano*
- *† *Brian Wagner*
- *† *Annemarie Walter*
- *† *Robin Marie Waters-Yost*
- *† *Kristin Ann Wehr*
- *† *Francis David Williams, Jr.*
- *† *Janice Elizabeth Williams*
- *† *Wanda Viola Williams*
- *† *Amy M. Wills*
- *† *Amy Lisa Wilusz*
- Brian Wolfe*
- * *Lynda Marie Wolfe*
- *† *Wendy M. Wolk*
- *† *Karin R. Wrightson*
- * *Christine E. Yaworski*
- *† *Kristen D. Yoder*
- *† *Laura Youorski*
- *† *Karen Jean Ziegler*
- *† *Frank L. Zrinski, Jr.*
- *† *Dennis B. Zurawski, Jr.*

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

- *† *Sridevi Akkina*
- ⁹ *Joseph L. Cumbo*
- † *Rifa M. Rahman*
- * *Ed Roman*

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing

**,¹¹, † Kevin Thomas Chernesky*

**,¹¹, † Susan Elczyna*

¹¹ Kelli Lynne Gavlick

**,¹¹, † Theresa A. Kamus*

¹¹, † Lenora Nicole Lello

**,¹¹, † Mark William Loftus*

**,¹¹, † Lisa Ann McNeeley*

¹¹ Nancy E. O'Malley

**,¹¹, † Gemma Teresa Rosato*

**,¹¹, † Mark R. Trently*

**,¹¹, † William J. Yankalunas*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Summa Cum Laude

- Pia Chatterjee, Biochemistry*
^{5,10} *Kelly Marie Ochreiter, English*
Lisa Marie Ruggiero, Spanish
International Studies, Second Major
^{1,7} *Heather Lynn Shinkus, Sociology*
Elementary Education, Second Major

Magna Cum Laude

- ¹⁰ *Frank Thomas McCabe, Political Science*
English, Second Major
^{7,10} *Amy Elizabeth Miller, English*
^{3,7} *Frances Murach Scaramastro, Sociology*
^{*,6,12} *Robert Louis Wasilewski, Biology*
Earth and Environmental Science, Second Major

Cum Laude

- ^{7,8} *Darlene A. Fendrock, History*
^{7,10} *Jarrad Patrick Max, English*
^{7,10} *Sarah Saylor, English*
^{7,10} *Kerri Scherer, English*
Elementary Education, Second Major

^{*}*Degree in absentia* ¹*Alpha Chi* ³*Alpha Sigma Lambda* ⁵*Honors in English*
⁶*Honors in Biology* ⁷*Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification*
⁸*Phi Alpha Theta* ¹⁰*Sigma Tau Delta* ¹⁶*Sigma Xi* † *Received degree on August 25, 2000*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Accounting

**⁴† Dale C. Heller
Zaid Surood Najib*

Bachelor of Business Administration

*† Floyd T. Allen
*⁴† Norbert J. Braun
Jamie E. Brennan
Adam R. Burton
Jeremy Conrad
Joseph Robert Doran
† Joan Theresa Hannigan
Marie Lyn Hazelton
Christal L. Jenkins
Charmayne S. Julius
William J. Layo
*⁴† Jacqueline A. Lesinski
Ryan Matthew Lohan
⁴ Kathleen McCann-Shostek
* William James Merkel
Deborah Jane Pish
⁴ JoAnne Marie Potter
Jermaine F. Richardson
*† Deborah Ann Smith
* Rosemarie C. Sochka*

Chemistry

† David Eugene Peer

Communications

*Karen Novicki Lambert
John Long*

Computer Science

*Richard Michael Havard
Keith Michael Jones
† Tulip Begum Rahman*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Earth and Environmental Sciences

John Joseph Pagoda, Jr.

** John D. Williams*

Economics

Marie Louise Dreier-Lewis

Electrical Engineering

**† Despina Papadopoulou*

English

**⁷† Lisa Ann Kelley*

**^{7,10} Michael Loverdi*

Environmental Engineering

Jeremiah D. Hoagland

** Jeffrey Spaide*

Drew Wagner

History

Daniel Thomas Borden

³ James D. Calciano, Jr.

Christopher L. Jarzyk

Stephen P. Toth

International Studies

Yelena Logvina

Mathematics

⁷ Dennis Robert Isaacs

Elementary Education, Second Major

**† Randy Novak*

Mechanical Engineering

Christopher M. Klopp

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Medical Technology

*† *Beth LoPiccolo*

Philosophy

* *Obed A. Addo*
Michelle Bridget Moffitt

Psychology

⁷ *Justin P. Andrew*
Elementary Education, Second Major
Jason R. Bartholomew
^{*,7} *John Michael Conte, Jr.*
Elementary Education, Second Major
⁷ *Joel M. Eberts*
Elementary Education, Second Major
Karen A. Kotchik
⁷ *Kyle Fitzgerald Reed*
Elementary Education, Second Major
Sarah Reedy
* *John D. Rosinski*
Brian Jeffery Tomascik

Sociology

⁷ *Nicholas D'Amico*
Elementary Education, Second Major
^{*,2,†} *James L. Kalish*
Stacey M. Kulp
* *Charles H. Wetzel, Jr.*
ShaQuan Lattish Wiggins

Spanish

* *Dominick N. DelRosso*

Theatre Arts

† *Thomas Ryan Ward*

**Degree in absentia*

²*Alpha Kappa Delta*

⁷*Candidate for Pennsylvania Teaching Certification*

† *Received degree on August 25, 2000*

Scholarly Societies and Special Designations

- ¹ *Denotes Membership in Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.*
- ² *Denotes Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honorary Society in Sociology.*
- ³ *Denotes Membership in the Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the honor society recognizing the academic excellence of adult part-time students.*
- ⁴ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.*
- ⁵ *Denotes Honors in English.*
- ⁶ *Denotes Honors in Biology.*
- ⁷ *Denotes Candidates for Pennsylvania Teacher Certification.*
- ⁸ *Denotes Membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Society in History.*
- ⁹ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Honorary Society of Physics students.*
- ¹⁰ *Denotes Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honorary Society in English.*
- ¹¹ *Denotes Membership in the Zeta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing.*
- ¹² *Denotes Membership in and acknowledgment by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.*
- * *Degree in absentia*
- † *Student received degree on August 25, 2000*

The University Mace and Presidential Chain of Office

The University Mace and the Presidential Chain of Office used in academic celebrations represent traditions dating to the sixteenth century. The mace symbolizes the authority of the university and the chain of office designates the presidential leadership of the academy.

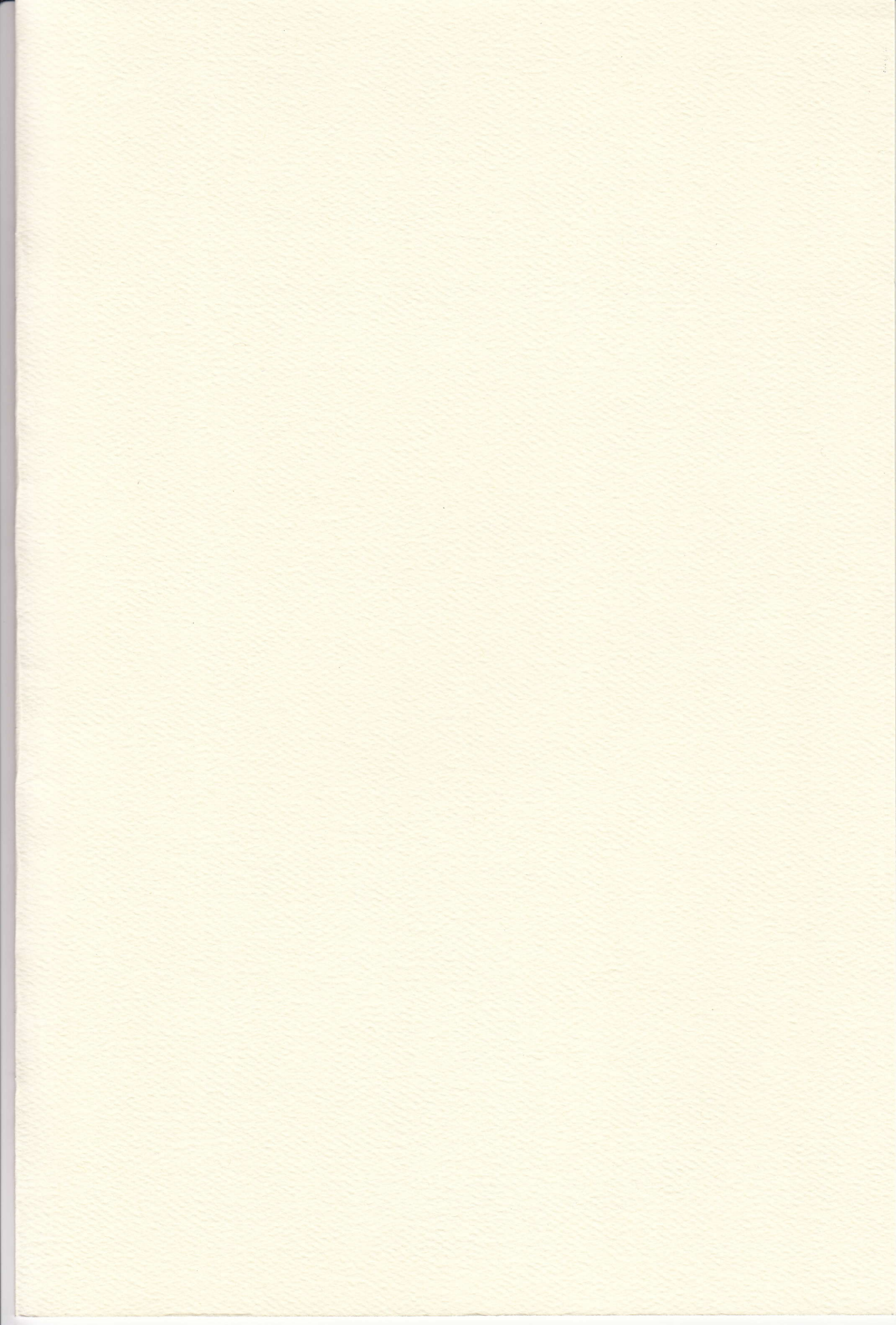
The Wilkes University Mace and Presidential Chain of Office were gifts of local donors and were first used in 1970 at the inauguration of the second president of Wilkes. They were designed by Ottie Hill Chwalek '61 and executed by Kurt Matzdorf, a nationally recognized gold and silversmith from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

The University Mace

The sterling silver mace has a gilt knob at its base and a gilt circle at the top bearing the inscription "Wilkes College 1933." The bowl, rising above the neck of the mace, signifies Wilkes-Barre's role as a melting pot, forming a new and vigorous community of people from many different backgrounds. This theme is reiterated in the inscription of the University's motto "Unity Amidst Diversity" which surrounds the upper part of the bowl. The gilt flame symbolizes the enlightenment gained from higher education, while the piece of anthracite coal set in the center of the flame commemorates the origin of the University in a community known for its coal mining past.

The Presidential Chain of Office

The Presidential Chain of Office, created from sterling silver, has alternating bowls and gilt flames, repeating the motif of the mace. On the front of the four-foot chain hangs a gilt seal of Wilkes which is suspended from a cluster of oak leaves with acorns, suggesting the strength and sturdiness of future generations. On the back of the Presidential Chain of Office is a silver portrait of Dr. Eugene S. Farley, the first President of Wilkes. Dr. Farley's portrait is surrounded by gilt oak leaves commemorating his strong leadership of the emerging institution.



AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for patriot's dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

Words by Katherine Lee Bates

Music by Samuel A. Ward

ALMA MATER

*Wilkes, our Alma Mater,
We pledge our hearts to thee,
Honor, faith, and courage,
Truth and loyalty,
In our work and in our pleasure,
Guide us as a friend;
We shall always love thee,
Loyal to the end.
Thou shalt lead us onward
In search of finer things.
May we find the wisdom
That thy spirit brings.
May our deeds of love and service
Ever swell thy fame —
Wilkes, we stand to greet thee!
Glory to thy name.*

Words and Music by Eleanor C. Farley

*A reception for graduates and their families will be held in the ballroom
of the Student Union immediately following the ceremony.*